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1. Name of Pro	perty							
historic name	Glebe House							
other names	S-35; Davis's	Davis's Choice; Turner's Purchase						
2. Location								
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5. Classification					
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(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets)

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8. Statement of Significance	
Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualificational Register listing)	Area of Significance (Enter categories from instructions) Architecture
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Property is:	
A owned by a religious institution or use purposes.	ed for religious Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)
☐ B removed from its original location.	
☐ C a birthplace or grave.	Cultural Affiliation
D a cemetery.	
☐ E a reconstructed building, object, or st	ructure.
☐ F a commemorative property.	Architect/Builder
☐ G less than 50 years of age or achieved within the past 50 years.	significance William Bowland, Builder
Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets)	
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10. Geographical Data	
Acreage of Property 1.029 acres	Princess Anne, MD USGS quad
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Organization Somerset County Historical Trust	date2.12.08
street & number Cedar Hill, Box 5	telephone 410-651-1094
city or town Westover	state Maryland zip code 21871
Additional Documentation	
Submit the following items with the completed form:	
Continuation Sheets	
Maps	
A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the	
A Sketch map for historic districts and properties have	ving large acreage or numerous resources.
Photographs	
Representative black and white photographs of the	e property.
Additional Items (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)	
Property Owner	
(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO)	
name Austin Cox, Jr.	
street & number P. O. Box 2739	telephone 410-334-6707
city or town Salisbury	state Maryland zip code 21802

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Description Summary:

The Glebe House, erected in 1784-85, is a story-and-a-half, brick-ended frame house that stands southwest of Princess Anne, Somerset County, Maryland. A lane enters the property from US 13, and a second access is provided by Market Lane. The nearly square 28' by 30' dwelling consists of three frame walls and a Flemish bond south gable end. The house faces east with the roof oriented on a north/south axis. The four-room plan first floor interior is characterized by finely executed late eighteenth-century Georgian style woodwork that is highlighted by a turned baluster staircase, raised-panel hearth walls in two rooms, raised six-panel doors and portions of original chair rail. Around 1930, the story-and-a-half dwelling was raised to a two-story height, and during the mid 1970s, the original roofline was restored by removing the second story.

General Description:

The Glebe House is located at 10950 Market Lane on the southwest side of the town of Princess Anne, a few hundred yards west of the corridor of US Route 13 in Somerset County, Maryland. The story-and-a-half, three-bay frame structure, built in 1784-85, has a brick south gable end built in Flemish bond above a two-step watertable. The nearly square (28'4" across by 30'3" deep) house is sheathed with early twentieth century weatherboards on the other three sides, and the steeply pitched gable roof is covered with wood shingles. The house faces east with the gable roof oriented on a north/south axis. The present story-and-a-half configuration of the house is the result of a sizable restoration effort during the mid 1970s that included the removal of a second story that had been added around 1920. The roof pitch, dormers and roof framing were restored using evidence from a photograph taken prior to the early twentieth century modifications. The house is located on a small parcel encompassing 1.029 acres, and flanked on the southwest side by a modern subdivision.

The east (main) façade is three bays wide, with a side (north) bay entrance and two restored nine-over-nine sash windows to the south. The exterior is covered with narrow weatherboard siding that has a rounded bottom edge. The base of the roof is finished with a boxed cornice dating from the 1970s restoration. Marking the steeply-pitched wood shingle roof are two gable-roofed dormers fitted with six-over-six sash windows.

The Flemish bond brick gable end is the most original exterior surface, although the very top section of the wall including the interior end chimney stack was rebuilt during the 1970s. Two nine-over-six sash windows define the first story, while a pair of six-over-six sash windows lights the second story. All four windows have rowlock arches. The southwest first floor

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window was formerly a door that provided access to a stepped service wing, but it was converted back to a window during the twentieth century. The reworked Flemish bond brickwork below the window is the evidence for this modification. A small four-pane window lights the attic level above the collar beams. Information for the location and size of the attic window was derived from the documentary image of the house.

The rear (west) façade is identical to the front elevation with a six-panel door in the north bay and two nine-over-nine sash windows to the south. Identical boxing finishes the base of the roof, and two gable roofed dormers light the second story chambers.

The four-room first floor interior is the most significant aspect of the house, with its large degree of original 1780s Georgian-inspired woodwork surviving. The four-room plan includes an entrance stair passage in the northeast corner, and a small unheated room in the northwest corner. More than half of the first floor space is divided in two unequal-sized rooms served by corner fireplaces. The entrance hall and stair passage retains a quarter-tum, closed stringer staircase that rises in the northwest corner. A heavily turned bulbous newel post and turned balusters support a molded handrail. The triangular space beneath the stringer is finished in one large raised panel. At the first landing the staircase turns to the left (south) and continues in a straight flight to the second floor. The stair soffit is also finished with raised paneling and a small single-panel door opens into the space beneath the first landing. The stair hall is fitted with a simple chair rail and beaded baseboard, some of which is old and some of which has been restored. The yellow pine flooring is original, as is the plaster that is layered over split lath fastened with wrought nails. A raised six-panel door framed by an ogee backband surround opens into the south parlor.

The front parlor is the largest space and is dominated by a raised-panel chimney breast. The segmental arched firebox is framed by an ogee molded surround. The overmantel is divided into three horizontal panels; one large center panel flanked top and bottom by narrower panels. An ogee molded cornice finishes the top of the chimney breast. This room retains its original flooring and plaster, and the walls are trimmed with baseboard and chair rail moldings. A sixpanel door opening in the center of the middle partition is framed by an ogee molded backband surround.

The southwest room is smaller than the front parlor. The corner fireplace wall is finished in the same fashion as the parlor with a three-panel overmantel design. The segmental arched firebox is framed by an ovolo molded surround. The floors are original to this room as well as are the plaster walls. The eighteenth-century ceiling plaster has been replaced with a modern wallboard finish. The north partition wall of this room is pierced by a six-panel door opening framed by an ogee molded surround.

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The northwest room is simply finished with chair rail and baseboard moldings that repeat the same profiles found in the other rooms. The flooring and plaster are original.

The second floor is also divided into four rooms. Each doorway opens off a second floor hall, and each door frame retains an ogee molded backband surround. The doors are no longer extant, but one HL hinge remains on the northwest chamber door frame. Wallboard finishes have replaced the original plaster due to the removal of the second story. Wide pine flooring remains in place in each chamber.

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Summary Statement of Significance:

The Glebe House, dated to 1784 by parish vestry records, is architecturally and historically significant in the local context of Somerset County and the lower Eastern Shore of Maryland. The house is significant under Criterion C as an example of a regionally-distinctive vernacular tradition with a single Flemish bond brick gable end and three frame walls. The story-and-a-half, four-room plan dwelling is one of four surviving early dwellings in Somerset County constructed in this manner. (See also the Beauchamp House, S-62; Burton Cannon House, S-78; Whitehall, S-27). Also significant is the survival of well-crafted eighteenth-century woodwork that remains intact in the three principal first floor rooms. The staircase, in particular, exhibits fine bulbous turnings in the newel posts and balusters as well as raised-panel finishes on the staircase soffit and below the stringer. The raised-panel woodwork in the two principal rooms is also of high quality craftsmanship for the late eighteenth century.

The Glebe House derives additional significance under Criterion A for its association with the Anglican tradition of maintaining income-producing property for the support of the parish priest. It is the only surviving example of an Anglican parish financed plantation house in the three counties of Maryland's lower Eastern Shore. The Glebe plantation was owned by the Somerset Parish between 1747 and 1799. Alterations dating from the 1970s do not materially compromise the property's ability to convey its significance as a representative example of the type, style, and finish of a Glebe House erected during the decade following the American Revolution.

The Period of Significance, 1784-1799, begins with the original construction of the Glebe House and ends when the ownership of the property passed from Somerset Parish.

Resource History and Historic Context:

In the American colonies as in England, the Anglican Church followed the medieval practice of assigning a glebe, or area of land, to provide income to support the parish priest. The priest was entitled to retain the glebe for his own use, or rent it out for income. The practice was discontinued following the disestablishment of state churches accompanying the American Revolution. It survived into the early nineteenth century on the conservative Eastern Shore of Maryland.

On November 4, 1783, the vestrymen of Somerset Parish passed a motion in their meeting that they intended to petition the next General Assembly for enabling legislation to sell

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Glebe, accessed February 19, 2009.

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some of the slaves belonging to the Parish in order to finance new improvements on the glebe plantation south of Princess Anne, property which the parish had owned since 1742. The plantation was part of a tract known as Davis's Choice, which was sold to the vestrymen by Margaret Lindow, the widow of James Lindow and the granddaughter of the Reverend Thomas Wilson, a Presbyterian minister who had acquired the plantation back in 1685.

In March 1784, the Somerset Parish vestry voted unanimously to

build on Glebe a Dwelling house 28 feet long 30 feet wide, a meat house 10 feet square a stable 18 x 10 feet, both of sawed logs, a framed milk house 8 feet square, advertisements to be set up in most public places...several Negroes will be sold at Princess Anne Town, second Tuesday April [1784] due to an Act of Assembly passed at last session.⁵

Less than two weeks later, the vestry awarded the construction project to the lowest bidder, William Bowland, for the sum of L368.7.6, specifying a completion date by the 1st of December.⁶

The vestry of Somerset Parish retained ownership of Davis's Choice until December 1799 when the property was transferred to John Byrd for L300. The plantation was described as "a part or parcel of a tract of land called Davis's Choice originally granted to a certain James Davis....all that part and parcel of the said tracts which has been held and owned as the Glebe land of Somerset Parish." In two conveyances within three to six months, John Byrd conveyed title to Davis's Choice to John and George Parker between March and June 1800. The glebe lands were consolidated into a larger plantation acreage during Parker family tenure, which lasted until John Parker's heirs conveyed "Davis's Choice," "Parker's Fortune," "George's Delight," and "Meadow Ground" to Littleton Redden in February 1831. The old Glebe House and plantation land were conveyed several times during the second and third quarters of the nineteenth century, and the 140-acre tract assembled during John Parker's ownership was maintained through various transfers. In December 1899, the farm, commonly known by that

² Somerset Parish Vestry Minutes, 1779-1800, Microfilm at the Maryland State Archives.

³ Somerset County Land Record, X/14, 28 April 1742, Somerset County Courthouse.

Somerset County Land Record, MA 1/774, 20 January 1685, Somerset County Courthouse.

Somerset Parish Vestry Minutes, 1779-1800, 5 March 1784, Microfilm, Maryland State Archives.

Somerset Parish Vestry Minutes, 1779-1800, 18 March 1784, Microfilm, Maryland State Archives.

Somerset County Land Record, M/26, 24 December 1799, Somerset County Courthouse.

Somerset County Land Records, M/74, 12 March 1800; M/176, 28 June 1800, Somerset County Courthouse.

Somerset County Land Record, GH 4/485, 7 February 1831, Somerset County Courthouse.

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time as the Parker or Redden land, was transferred from Helen F. Porter of Baltimore City to Milton F. Hickman of Somerset County for \$2,500. 10

Milton F. Hickman owned the old Glebe House and surrounding acreage from 1899 to 1936. He Swepson Earle visited the property prior to the publication of his book, *The Chesapeake Bay Country*, in 1923, he recorded that "The dwelling is now owned by Mr. Milton Hickman, who has remodeled it to some extent, but has retained the old mantels and cupboards as originally constructed." It is likely that the addition of the second story and a rear service wing had been completed prior to his visit. Earle published an old photograph that had been taken of the house prior to its remodeling, and it was this view that provided the basis for the 1970s restoration. The control of the second story and a rear service wing had been completed prior to his visit.

After Hickman's ownership, the farm became part of the large land holdings of the Miller family who operated the King's Creek Canning Company. In 1975, the King's Creek Canning Company executed a twenty-five year lease to Olde Princess Anne Days, Inc., an organization headed by Maude W. Jeffries, who actively worked to restore the house to its eighteenth-century form. Despite modern developments and changes to the immediate area around the old Glebe House due to its proximity to US Route 13, the house and its one acre lot are relatively undisturbed. Although currently unoccupied, the house is maintained as a historic site, and a new wood shingle roof and other repairs have been implemented by the present owner, Austin Cox, Jr.

Swepson Earle's *The Chesapeake Bay Country*, a popular regional history published in 1923, lent credence to the long-held local tradition identifying the house as the birthplace of Samuel Chase, one of Maryland's signers of the Declaration of Independence. According to that tradition, this glebe land was occupied by Reverend Thomas Chase, the father of Samuel Chase, at the time that Samuel was born in 1741. The historical record, however, does not bear out this assertion. The vestry of Somerset Parish did not acquire the plantation until 1742. Although Reverend Thomas Chase did occupy the glebe land for a short period in 1743, he evidently lived there without consent of the Parish. He was cited in a court case between the Calvert proprietor and himself in the March Court of 1742, when he was unlawfully occupying the glebe land and evidently misappropriating an amount of tobacco stored there. Court testimony during the following year indicates that Thomas Chase had relocated, describing him as "late [i.e.,

¹⁰ Somerset County Land Record, OTB 27/244, 27 December 1899, Somerset County Courthouse.

Somerset County Land Record, JMT 110/223, 20 January 1936, Somerset County Courthouse.

Swepson Earle, The Chesapeake Bay Country, Baltimore, MD: The Thomsen-Ellis Company, 1923, p. 425.

¹³ Ibid, p. 424.

Somerset County Land Record, JMT 110/223, 20 January 1936 and 170/259, 1 January 1955, Somerset County Courthouse.
 Somerset County Land Record, 288/33, 5 July 1975, Somerset County Courthouse.

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formerly] of Somerset Parish in the said County of Somerset." Furthermore, the architectural character of the building is consistent with the late eighteenth century, and vestry minutes definitively place the construction date at 1784, some 43 years after Samuel Chase's birth. 17

¹⁶ Somerset County Judicial Record, 1742-1744, March Court 1742, folio 112; March Court 1743, folio 207.

¹⁷ Swepson Earle reported to have seen a date brick of 1713 in the gable end. This brick has not been located

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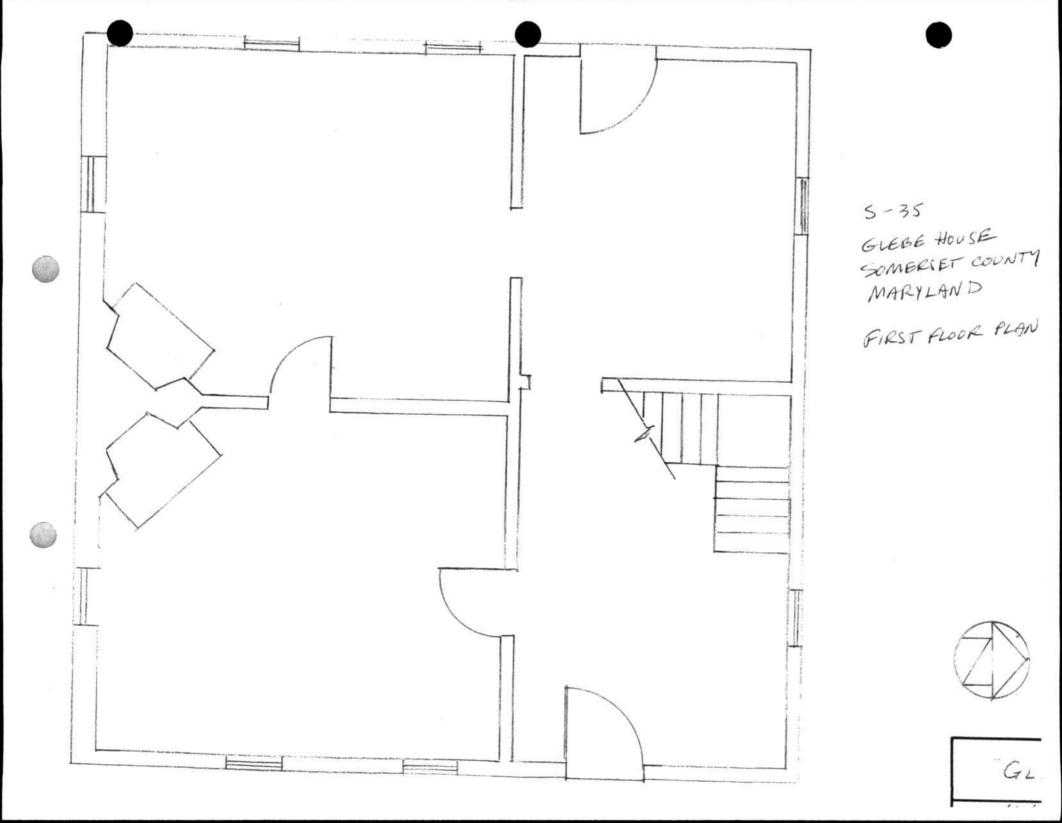
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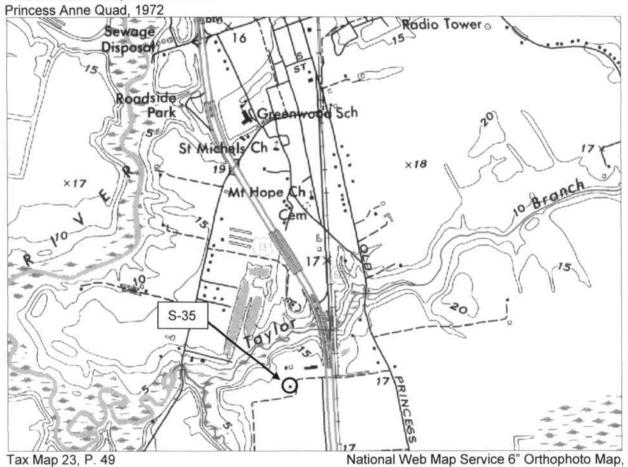
Boundary Justification:

The nominated property, 1.029654 acres, represents the remnant of the acreage historically associated with the Glebe House.





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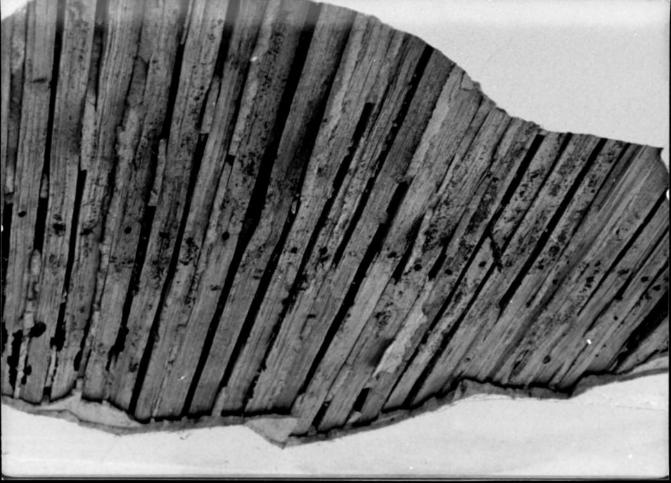
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1. Name of Property			
historic name	"DAVIS'S CHOICE" "TURNER'S	PURCHASE"	
other names	GLEBE HOUSE		
2. Location			
street & number	West side of US Route 13		not for publication
city, town	Princess Anne		x vicinity
state Maryland	code county Somerset	code	zip code 2 1 8 5 3
3. Classification			
Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Res	sources within Property
x private	x building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
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6. Function or Use	or Use MHT Inventory %c · S-35					
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DOMESTIC, single dwelling,	RECREATION AND CULTURE,					
residence						
7. Description						
Architectural Classification (enter categories from instructions)	Materials (enter categories from instructions)					
	foundation	Brick				
VERNACULAR.	walls	Wood, weatherboard				
Georgian interior finish		Brick (Flemish bond)				
	roof	Wood shingle				
	other					

DESCRIPTION SUMMARY:

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DESCRIPTION SUMMARY

The Glebe house, erected in 1784, is a story-and-a-half brick-ended frame house that stands near Princess Anne, Somerset County, Maryland. The nearly square (28' by 30') dwelling consists of three frame walls and a Flemish bond south gable end wall. This combination of materials in wall construction is a vernacular building tradition that was commonly used on the Eastern Shore during the eighteenth century. The four-room plan interior is fitted with finely executed late eighteenth-century woodwork that is highlighted by a turned baluster stair, raisedpanel hearth walls in two rooms, in addition to raised six-panel doors and original chair rail. Around 1930, the story-and-a-half frame dwelling was raised to a twostory height. Within the last twenty years efforts have targeted on a restoration of the original story-and-a-half dwelling by removing the later second story. The roof pitch as well as the roof construction were restored from evidence found in the house as well as visual information taken from a documentary photograph of the house that predated the alterations.

DESCRIPTION

The Glebe house is a one-and-one-half story, four-room plan brick-ended frame house that stands on the west side of US Route 13, immediately south of Princess Anne, Somerset County, Maryland. Facing east, the gable roof is oriented on a north/south axis.

Built in 1784 the nearly square (28'4" by 30'3") structure is supported by a minimal brick foundation on three sides, while the south end is a full Flemish bond brick wall with a projecting watertable. A layer of wood shingles covers the steeply pitched roof. The present configuration of the house is the result of an extensive restoration effort that included the removal of a c. 1925-1935 second story raising of the early house. The roof pitch as well as the roof construction were restored from evidence in the house and from evidence taken from a documentary photograph of the house before the major alterations.

The east (main) facade is a three-bay elevation with a side (north) bay entrance and two restored nine-over-nine sash windows to the south. The exterior is covered with narrow weatherboard siding. Lighting the second floor are two gabled dormers with six-over-six sash windows and diagonal board siding. A boxed cornice finishes the base of the roof.

The south end brick wall is the most original exterior surface, although the top portion of the wall above the second floor windows has been rebuilt. Two nine-over-six sash windows light the first floor, while two six-over-six sash light the second floor. All four windows have flat header arches. A small four-pane window lights the garret above the second floor. Information for the location and size of the garret window was taken from the documentary image. The newly built

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chimney stack has a corbelled cap, and the gable ends are finished with beaded bargeboards.

The rear (west) facade is identical to the front elevation with a six-panel door in the north bay and two nine-over- nine sash windows to the south. Identical dormers light the second floor.

The north gable end is a weatherboarded wall with two nine- over-nine sash windows on the first floor and two six-over- six sash windows lighting the second floor.

The four-room first floor interior is the most significant aspect of this house with a large part of its eighteenth- century woodwork intact. The first floor is divided into four unequal sized rooms. Two rooms to the south are heated by corner fireplaces, while the two to the north are unheated. The northeast corner room contains the quarter- turn closed stringer stair which rises in the northwest corner of the room. A heavily turned bulbous newel post and turned balusters support a molded handrail. The space below the stringer contains one large triangular raised panel. At the first landing the stair turns to the left (south) and continues in a straight flight to the second floor. The stair soffit is also paneled, and a small raised panel door opens into the space below the stair. The stair hall is fitted with a simple chair rail, some old and some restored. In general the short sections of chair rail that run across the outside walls has been restored by matching original profiles. Raised six-panel doors framed by ogee-molded surrounds open into the adjacent rooms.

The front room is the largest interior space and is dominated by a raisedpanel hearth wall. The segmental arched firebox is framed by an ogee-molded surround. The overmantel is divided into three horizontal panels. One large center panel is flanked top and bottom by narrower ones. An ogee molded cornice finishes the hearth wall surface. Two different chair rail profiles are found in this room. A six-panel door pierces the middle partition and opens into the southwest room. The southwest hearth wall is finished in exactly the same raised paneled format as previously described, and the room is fitted with a simple chair rail.

The fourth and final room (northwest) is simply finished with the same chair rail and beaded baseboard. The new back door has a chevron batten rear surface, and it is hung with HL hinges.

The second floor is also divided into four rooms, and each doorway is framed by an original ogee-molded backband surround. The doors have been removed, but one HL hinge remains on the rear bedroom door surround. Wallboard has replaced second floor plaster due to the extensive work that had been done to raise the house to a two-story height. The wide pine flooring remains in place in each room.

The old roof construction was rebuilt as nearly as possible to the original. Heavy common rafters were cut and joined at the peak with traditional pinned methods.

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SIGNIFICANCE

The Glebe house is architecturally significant as reflective of late eighteenth-century vernacular building traditions on the lower Eastern Shore. Brick-ended frame houses, once a common building type for the region, have dwindled to only four examples. (See Burton Cannon house, S-78; Beauchamp house, S-62; and Whitehall, S-27) Both the Burton Cannon house and the Beauchamp house date to the early to mid eighteenth century, while Whitehall is a two-story example. As a result, the Glebe house is the only surviving late eighteenth-century example in Somerset County. At the same time, the house is finished with fine examples of raised-panel hearth walls, chair rail, and six-panel doors, which represent superior craftsmanship for the period. The turned baluster stair is especially notable for its fine execution and preservation.

Historically, the Glebe house figures prominently in the development of the Episcopal church of Somerset County as the only surviving eighteenth-century dwelling erected as an official glebe on the Eastern Shore. As a standard benefit for Episcopal ministers, the shelter and profits from the glebe were theirs during their individual terms of service. As a result, the four-room plan house is a significant indication of the type, style, and finish of a glebe house during the late eighteenth century.

HISTORY AND SUPPORT

Specific dimensions recorded in the vestry minutes of Somerset Parish document the construction of this story-and-a-half brick and frame house that

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stands south of Princess Anne. On March 5, 1784, the vestry considered the state of the house on the glebe and unanimously agreed,

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...it is necessary to build on the said Glebe a Dwelling House twenty feet long and thirty feet wide, a meat house ten feet square, a stable eighteen by ten both of sawed logs, a framed milk house eight feet square, ordered that the advertisement be immediately set up in the most public places.

Thirteen days later the contract was "struck" to William Bowland for the sum of L368..7..6 with completion slated for December.

The vestry of Somerset Parish retained ownership of the glebe until December of 1799, when the property was transferred for L320 to John Byrd, who sold it the following year to John and George Parker. John Parker's estate was settled in 1831, and his heirs sold "Davis's Choice" as well as other tracts situated, "on the main road from Princess Anne to Washington Academy," to Littleton Redden. Littleton Redden's son, Littleton J. Redden, died intestate, and John W. B. Parsons was appointed a trustee to sell the plantation. On June 14, 1838, John W. B. Parsons sold the farm to Edward Long. The Long family retained possession until 1874 when the "Redden or Parker land," as it was known then, was conveyed to William J. Porter. The 140-acre farm was subsequently transferred to Milton F. Hickman, and then finally to Kings Creek Canning Company.

The old Glebe house stands on land initially known as "Davis's Choice," a 600-acre tract patented to James and Margaret Davis on May 10, 1666. Three years later the Davises sold the land, situated along the upper fork of the Manokin River, to Henry and John Smith. In 1682, Henry Smith of Sussex County, Pennsylvania (later Delaware) sold 130 acres of "Davis's Choice" to Jacob Waring, who had the property resurveyed as "Turner's Purchase." Jacob Waring did not own the property for long since he is recorded selling "Turner's Purchase" to Reverend Thomas Wilson, minister of the Manokin Presbyterian church from 1685/6-1698.

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Reverend Wilson died c. 1702, and "Turner's Purchase" was eventually inherited by Margaret Lindow, his granddaughter. Margaret Lindow and her husband, James Lindow, occupied the property during the second quarter of the eighteenth century. Margaret Lindow continued to reside on the plantation until 1742, when she sold "Turner's Purchase" to the vestrymen of Somerset Parish for L280..0..0. A confirmatory deed executed in December of 1747 by David Wilson of Ephraim states, "the land called Turner's Purchase, containing 130 acres formerly occupied by Reverend Thomas Wilson, deceased, grandfather of said David Wilson, whereon a certain Margaret Lindow formerly lived."

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It has been thought by previous researchers that this house dated to the early eighteenth century and may have been the home of Judge Samuel Chase since his father, Reverend Thomas Chase, was an Episcopal minister in Somerset County during the mid eighteenth century. As a result this dwelling has been referred to often as the Chase house, but the most recent findings have proven otherwise. Therefore, associations with Samuel Chase do not pertain to the significance of this house and nomination.

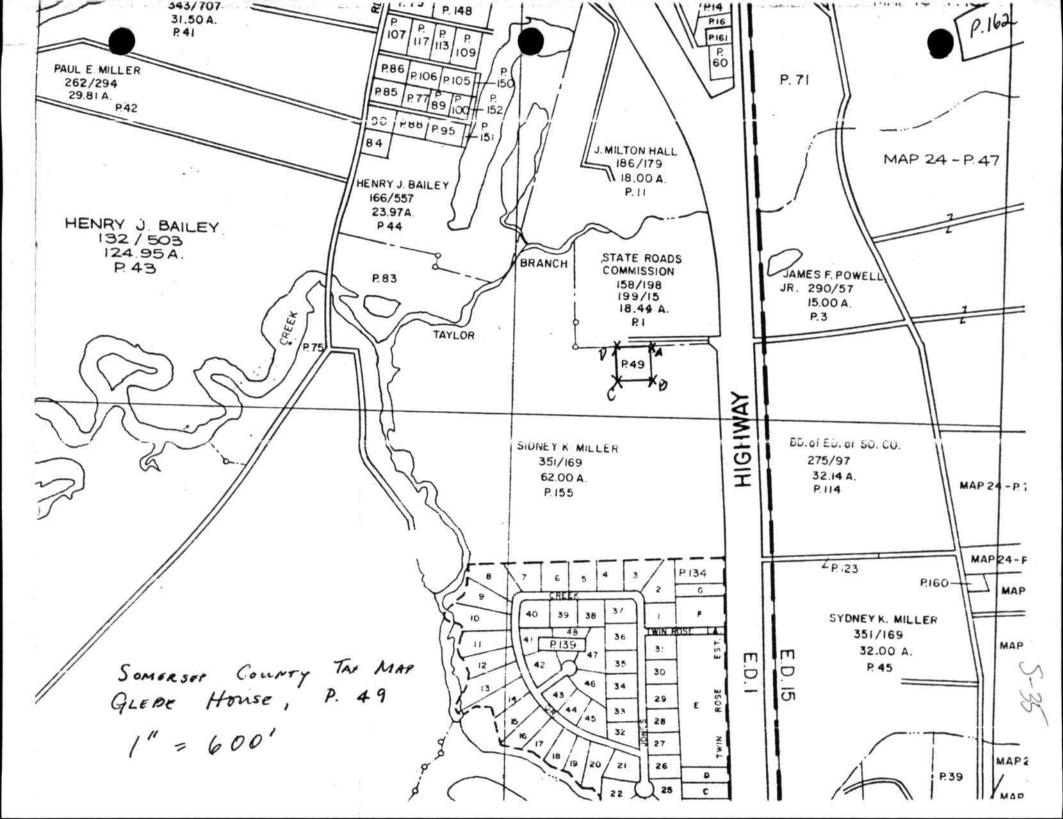
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BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Beginning at point (A), as designated on the Somerset County tax map, a point coincidental with the south boundary line of the property of the State Roads Commission approximately 450 feet west of US 13, thence due south from point (A) for approximately 225 feet to point (B) located on the edge of the plowed field southeast of the nominated house, thence due west for approximately 225 feet to point (C) located southwest of the said house, thence due north for approximately 225 feet to point (D) northwest of said house and coincidental with the aforesaid State Roads property boundary line, thence due east for 225 feet by and with the aforesaid line to point (A), the place of beginning, containing 1.16 acres more or less.

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

The !:!! acres included within this nomination comprise the immediate area around the house and entrance lane. The boundary lines were drawn to separate the small acreage around the house with adjacent property that does not contribute to the significance of the site.







Glebe House S-35
Princess Anne vicinity, Somerset County
Northwest Elevation
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Samuel Chase House is located on the west side of U.S. Route 13, two miles south of Princess Anne, Somerset County, Maryland. Although it was drastically altered in the first quarter of the twentieth century, the original circa 1740 fabric of the house remains basically intact. As it appears today, it is a three bay wide by two deep, 2 1/2-story frame structure with an A-roof. A frame wing of the same height with an A-roof extends from the rear giving the house an L shape. The south gable end of the main section is of brick laid in Flemish bond below the plate with circa 1920 clapboard above. The rest of the exterior walls are also covered with clapboard of this period. There is a large, circa 1920 dormer with a Palladian-type window in the roof of the east or main facade.

The original Chase House, hidden beneath the circa 1920 alterations, was a 1 1/2-story frame house with a brick chimney wall on the south end. This brick wall is still visible in the building's present state (see above). The chimney is enclosed and rises flush with the wall at the gable peak. A line in the brickwork is visible outlining the A-roof of the building as it stood before the alterations. There are three windows capped by segmental arches on this elevation, two on the second floor and one in the east bay of the first floor. In the west bay of the first floor is a door that was cut through a window opening in the nineteenth century. A space above the door that once held a transom is now bricked The two windows on the second floor were probably either put in or enlarged when the house was changed from 1 1/2 storys to 2 1/2 storys. The other three walls of the original structure were frame. They are now covered with early twentieth century clapboard and the windows contain two over two light sash of the same period. The door in the east or main facade is also new.

The interior of the Chase House retains more of its original features than the exterior does. The floor plan on the first floor basically consists of a double parlor and side hall, though the latter is divided into a small stair hall in the front with a smaller room behind it. The corner fireplaces in each of the parlors with their paneled chimney breasts are original to the circa 1740 structure. They are placed back to back and share the building's only chimney. The floors, chairrails, doors, and frames of the first floor all date from the eighteenth century. Some of the hardware in the house is also of this period.

The stair leading to the second floor dates from the eighteenth century also. It has pine spindle banisters characteristic of Eastern Shore architecture at that time. The wall beneath the stairs is paneled.

The second floor of the house has a floor plan similar to that of the first, with two large bedrooms in the south side of the house and two small rooms on either side of the stairs. The floors on this story are eighteenth century except where new flooring was laid when the building was altered from 1 1/2 storys to a full two storys. There is one fireplace remaining from the eighteenth century on the second floor. The woodwork and some of the hardware on this floor also dates from the eighteenth century.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The significance of the Samuel Chase House lies in its association with one of Maryland's prominent signers of the Declaration of Independence, Samuel Chase, as well as its original early eighteenth century architectural vestiges.

Samuel Chase was born on April 17, 1741, in Somerset County. There has been much controversy over the actual place of his birth, one theory being that he was born at his maternal grandfather's home, a house now destroyed on Reading Ferry Road. His mother died shortly after his birth and he spent his early childhood until circa 1744 in the Chase house while his father, the Reverend Thomas Chase, was the rector of Somerset Parish. Reverend Chase then took his son to Baltimore where he tutored him in English and the classics. Samuel later attended St. Paul's School in Paltimore. He was educated as a lawyer and was elected to the Maryland sembly many times from 1764 to 1784. Elected to the historic Second continental Congress, the name of Samuel Chase prominently heads the list of Marylanders who signed the Declaration of Independence.

After the Revolutionary War, Chase served in Congress under the Articles of Confederation, later became a judge of the Baltimore Criminal Court and Chief Judge of the General Court of Maryland. In 1796 President George Washington appointed him as an Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court. A strong Federalist and a controversial figure on the Supreme Bench, Samuel Chase was the first Supreme Court Justice to be tried on impeachment proceedings in 1805. The Senate of the United States voted unaminously to acquit him and Chase served as an Associate Justice of the Court until his death in June 1811.

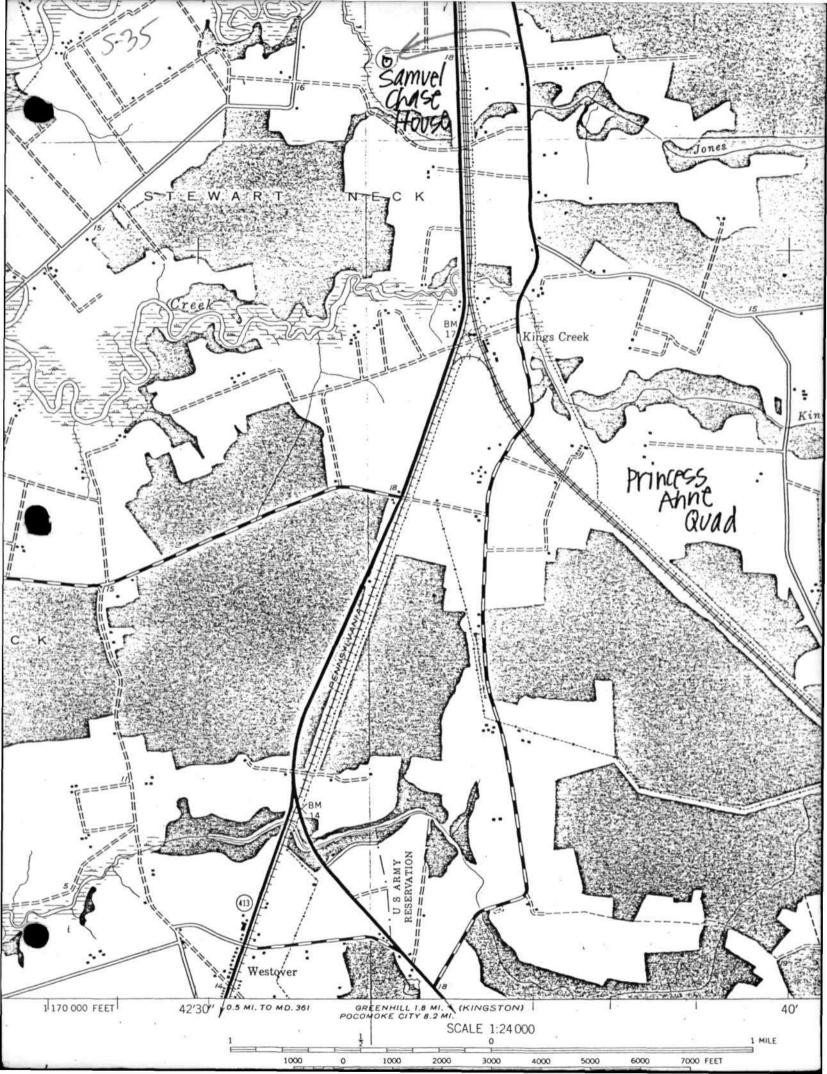
Representations of the original Queen Anne period house were taken and engrayed on the silver of the Battleship Maryland, which was damaged in the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941. Architecturally, the present building contains some original vestiges indicative of the early eighteenth century, such as the original brick wall and chimney, corner fireplaces, door casings, and chairrails, H-L hinges, pine spindle banisters, and an over mantel full to the ceiling.

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ORIGINAL USE Dwelling
PRESENT OWNER Mrs. King Miller
PRESENT USE Dwelling
WALL CONSTRUCTION Clapboard w/one
NO. OF STORIES 22 brick end

HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY
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2. NAME Chase House

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ARCHITECT

BUILDER

3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE

4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION

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This house is 3 bays wide and 2 deep with an A-roof. A large c. 1920's dormer has been added to the front roof. A dilapidated porch runs across the front of the house. All of the windows and doors are new. The left end of the house is of Flemish Bond Brick, painted white, with a large chimney enclosed within the wall The windows on this end are capped by segmental arches. There is a large 2½ storey addition at the rear of the house.

The Chase House is in very poor condition. It is rented out to tenants and is very dirty. It has suffered many unfortunate alterations. However, much of the original panelling miraculously survives. Something should be done to prevent the further deterioration of this very early house. It was here that Samuel Chase a signer of the Declaration of Independence, was born.

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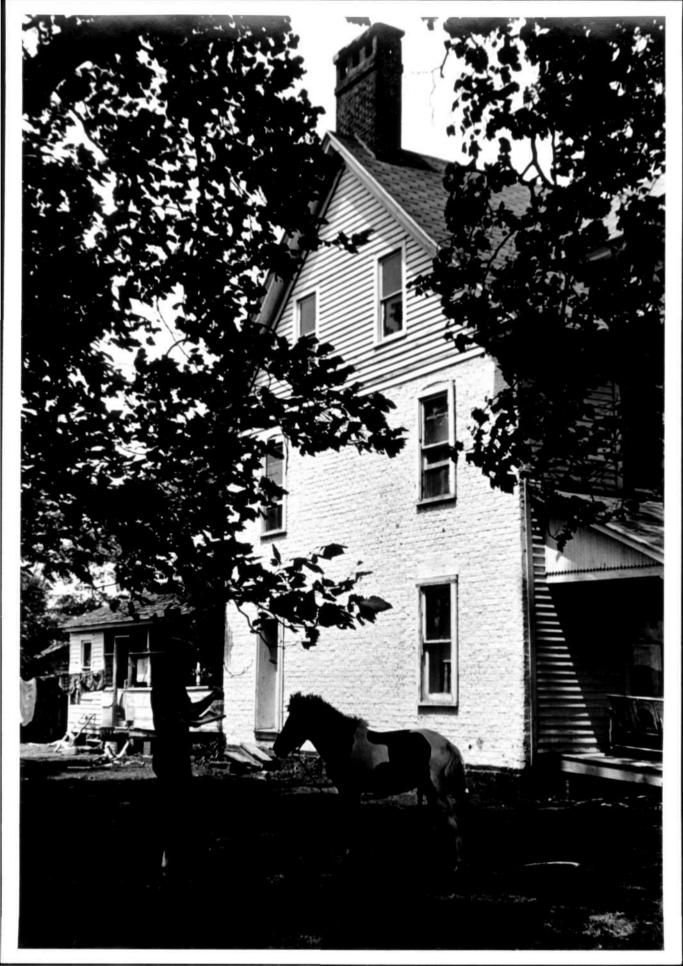
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